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Application Number	09/379,699
Filing Date	August 24, 1999
First Named Inventor	Philyaw
Examiner Name	Zib
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1202 18	2202 9	Claims in excess of 20	
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1203 290	2203 145	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid	
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1053 130	2053 130		Non-English specification	
1812 2,520	1812 2,520		For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
1804 920*	1804 920*		Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805 1,840*	1805 1,840*		Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251 110	2251 55		Extension for reply within first month	
1252 420	2252 210		Extension for reply within second month	
1253 950	2253 475		Extension for reply within third month	490.00
1254 1,480	2254 740		Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255 2,010	2255 1,005		Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401 330	2401 165		Notice of Appeal	
1402 330	2402 165		Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403 290	2403 145		Request for oral hearing	
1451 1,510	1451 1,510		Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452 110	2452 55		Petition to revive - unavoidable	
1453 1,330	2453 665		Petition to revive - unintentional	
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1503 640	2503 320		Plant issue fee	
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Examiner Name	Syed Zia
Attorney Docket Number	PHLY-24,747

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ii. ☐ Other _____

b. ☒ Enclosed

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iv. ☐ Other _____

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